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FOR THE CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. ADMINISTRATION IS DRAWING UP BRIEF AND TIGHT LISTS OF SPECIFIC POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADOR AT EACH POST, UPDATING AND FOCUSING MORE SHARPLY THOSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN SET FORTH IN CONNECTION WITH BUDGET/POLICY PROCESS. THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WE HAVE DEFINED FOR YOUR MISSION ARE:

2. GENERAL POLITICAL

-- REDUCE THE SIZE AND TIGHTEN THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR OFFICIAL PRESENCE TO MAKE IT MORE IN TUNE WITH OUR DIMINISHED ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND, WHILE CONTINUING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ARE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THAILAND. (STATE, DOD, FIELD)

-- PROVIDE WHATEVER ENCOURAGEMENT IS FEASIBLE TO IMPROVE
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RELATIONS BETWEEN THAILAND AND ITS COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS.
(STATE, FIELD)

DEFENSE AND SECURITY

-- MAINTAIN OUR SECURITY COMMITMENT TO THAILAND BUT FOCUS
ON THE STANDARD FORMULATION USED IN THE MANILA PACT

RATHER THAN THE AMBIGUOUS RHETORIC OF THE SUBSEQUENT
RUSK-THANAT COMMUNIQUE. (STATE, FIELD)

-- CONTINUE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THE U.S. HAS NO DESIRE
TO REESTABLISH A DIRECT MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND,
WHILE RETAINING MILITARY ACCESS FOR FUTURE CONTINGENCIES
IN THE FORM OF MILITARY LOGISTICS AND INTELLIGENCE
FLIGHTS, NAVAL VISITS, ETC; AND PROVIDING A MODEST
AMOUNT OF FMS CREDITS, MILITARY TRAINING AND ARMS SALES.
(STATE, FIELD)

-- CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE THAI TO DEVELOP THEIR
INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING CAPABILITIES AGAINST TARGETS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST. (STATE, FIELD)

NARCOTICS

-- CONTINUE TO PROMOTE BILATERAL COOPERATION WITH THE
THAI TO COUNTER THE FLOW OF NARCOTICS FROM THE GOLDEN
TRIANGLE TO INTERNATIONAL MARKETS AND TO REDUCE THE
AMOUNT OF OPIUM POPPY GROWN. (STATE, FIELD, DEA)

-- FACILITATE, AS FEASIBLE, THAI-BURMESE EFFORTS AT
COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATION.
(STATE, FIELD, DEA)

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REFUGEES

-- CONTINUE TO ASSIST THAILAND IN HANDLING REFUGEES
FLEEING INDOCHINA, PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE UNHCR
AT A LEVEL APPROPRIATE TO THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES IN
THAILAND AND ACCEPTING ENTRY INTO THE U.S. OF REFUGEES
IN THAILAND. (STATE, FIELD)

ECONOMIC

-- FOCUS OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC AID PROGRAMS MORE ON
PROBLEMS OF THE POOR RURAL AREAS AND ENCOURAGE IFI'S
TO CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS IN THE SAME AREA. (STATE,
AID, FIELD)

HUMAN RIGHTS

-- CONTINUE TO ADVISE THE THAI OF OUR CONCERNS REGARDING
HUMAN RIGHTS, POINTING OUT THE NEGATIVE EFFECT IN THE
U.S. OF REPRESSIVE POLICIES AND OUR SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE
TOWARD CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT AND LEGAL DUE PROCESS.
(STATE, FIELD)

3. THE ABOVE LIST PURPOSELY OMITTS SUCH TRADITIONAL "GOALS AND OBJECTIVES" AS IMPROVING RELATIONS, MAINTAINING EXISTING TIES AND ASSOCIATIONS, PROTECTING BUSINESS, EXPANDING TRADE, AND US CITIZEN INTERESTS, AS WELL AS REFERENCES TO IMPLEMENTING BASIC POLICIES OF THE ADMINISTRATION SUCH AS HUMAN RIGHTS, NON-PROLIFERATION, ARM SALES, AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE UNLESS THESE REQUIRE UNUSUAL OR PARTICULAR EMPHASIS OR DEEMPHASIS IN A GIVEN COUNTRY. NEGOTIATION OF NEW AGREEMENTS OR ON KEY SUBJECTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED AND IF THESE ARE NOT NOTED AND YOU BELIEVE THEY ARE AREAS WHERE SUCH NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED, PLEASE MAKE ADDITIONS OR SUGGESTED CHANGES. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS BY
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4. AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE HAD REVIEWED THESE GOALS IN AN EARLIER DRAFT. VANCE

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